



## Section 1: Massachusetts Border to Harriman Dam

### SNAPSHOT

One of the easiest portions of the CT to ski, most of this section follows an ungroomed old railroad bed. It runs along the scenic Deerfield River and includes a half-mile road walk. To reach the Massachusetts border, you must ski south from the parking area at Harriman Station.

### LENGTH

8.0 miles (12.87 km)

### DIFFICULTY

This is an easy section because of its mostly flat terrain. Allow extra time if you will be breaking trail after a significant snowfall. There is a short, steep climb up from the Deerfield River valley to the parking area at Harriman Dam, which can easily be walked.

### TRAIL ACCESS POINTS (south to north)

#### 1. Harriman Station - Readsboro

From the village of Readsboro, take Route 100 North over a high bridge, and immediately turn right (south) on Depot Street. To ski to Harriman Station, bear left just south of the houses (0.2 mi) onto Jarvis Hill Road. Park at the hairpin turn near the bottom of Jarvis Hill Road. This is the south end of the road walk; the CT south starts on an old road east of, and parallel to, Depot Street. To drive to Harriman Station, head south on Depot Street, which becomes Harriman Station Drive, to its end at a plowed parking area above Harriman Station, a hydroelectric plant. Park near the CT Parking sign. Do not block buildings or gates.

#### 2. Route 100 - Readsboro

From the Route 100/Depot Street intersection in the village of Readsboro, take Route 100 North. You will drive past the end of the roadwalk at the far end of a 100 foot long break in the left guardrail. At 0.5 miles from Readsboro, park the lot with a kiosk on the right side of the road. The trail is directly across the road. To ski the entire trail, you will need to backtrack south 0.2 miles to the end of the Route 100 roadwalk.

#### 3. Harriman Dam - Whitingham

From the village of Readsboro, take Route 100 North (toward Whitingham) 4.0 miles. Turn left (north) on Dam Road. Or from the village of Whitingham, take Route 100 South (toward Readsboro) for 1.1 miles. Turn right (north) on Dam Road. Follow Dam Road to the end of plowing and a parking lot adjacent to Harriman Dam. The Dam Road sign is often missing. Dam Road is just south of a crossing of the arm of Harriman Reservoir.

## ROUTE DESCRIPTION (south to north)

*NOTE: South of the Massachusetts state line is private property and is not open to the public. Do not proceed past this point.*

From the **Harriman Station parking lot (0.0)**, walk south on a private road through the gate. To ski south toward the Massachusetts border, you have two options: either ski left up to the CT via an old railroad bed, or ski/walk the often plowed private road to where it joins the trail. Shortly after, the CT joins a snowmobile trail. When the snowmobile trail goes left up a hill, stay along the river on a skier-only railroad bed trail to the **Massachusetts border (1.8)**, indicated by a granite marker on the river side of the trail.

Heading north from the border, retrace your route along the east side of the Deerfield River, then stay on the railroad bed when you come to the parking access side trail at **Harriman Station (3.6)**. The CT then crosses Harriman Station Drive twice, continuing until it reaches a roadwalk at the south end of a hairpin turn on Jarvis Hill Road. Walk downhill (left) on Jarvis Hill Road, north on Harriman Station Road and Depot Street, and turn right (east) on Route 100.

**BAIL OUT POINT:** *Directly across from the trail exit on Route 100 is a small kiosk and parking area that offers the only bail out point on this section.*

Walk 0.3 miles along Route 100 to the far end of a **break in the guardrail (5.1)** on the left. Ski down an old road toward the Deerfield River, then follow the riverbank, regaining the railroad bed that follows the east bank of the river. Cross **Tobey Brook (5.6)** and follow the CT on a skier-only railroad bed along the Deerfield River until you reach a power line clearing. Follow a snowmobile trail to the right and up a steep slope for about 150 yards. The CT turns sharply left at the top of the climb (watch for blazes, this turnoff is easy to miss), following a logging road for a short distance through the gate to the **Harriman Dam parking area (8.0)**

## DISTANCE TO LANDMARKS

Mileage Northbound	Landmark	Mileage Southbound
0.0	Harriman Station	8.0
1.8	Massachusetts Border	6.2
3.6	Harriman Station	4.4
5.1	Opening in guard rail	2.9
5.6	Tobey Brook	2.4
8.0	Harriman Dam Parking	0.0

## **SHUTTLE DIRECTIONS**

Please use caution and common sense when using these directions. Some roads may not have signs. After a heavy snow it may be difficult to locate the trailhead or end-of-plowing. Your GPS will not replicate all of these routes and may direct you to a road that is not plowed, closed and impassable. When in doubt, follow someone familiar with the local area.

Look for blue blazes (Catamount Trail), yellow blazes (Catamount Trail Side Trail) or CT parking signs which may be present. If the road seems impassible, park and explore on foot. Always park clear of access roads and gates. Leave room for others to park including snowmobile trailers. Do not park in snowplow turnarounds.

The location of the Catamount Trail on these maps is approximate. Temporary reroutes are not displayed. Always visit the Catamount Trail Association website for the latest trail information and maps. [www.catamounttrail.org](http://www.catamounttrail.org)

### **Drive to Harriman Station (north to south)**

1. From the end of plowing at 1891 Dam Rd., Whitingham (S1 access point <3>), drive southeast on Dam Rd. for 1.8 miles.
2. Turn right on Rte.100 for 4.0 miles.
3. Turn left on Depot St., which becomes Harriman Station Dr.. Go 1.3 miles to the end of plowing at 1098 Harriman Station Dr. (S1 access point <1>).

### **Drive to Harriman Dam (south to north)**

1. From 1098 Harriman Station Dr. in Readsboro (S1 access point <1>), travel northwest 1.3 miles to Rte.100.
2. Turn right on Rte. 100 and travel 4.0 miles.
3. Turn left on Dam Rd. and travel 1.8 miles and park at the end of plowing (S1 access point <3>).